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MINUTES

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium

OF

NORTH CAROLINA

AND

ADJACENT PARTS,

CONVENED AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

Orange County, N. C.,

ON THE 20TH OF APRIL, 1839; AND CONTINUED ITS SESSIONS ON THE 22ND AND 23RD.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, April 20, 1839.

Pursuant to a resolution of last Synod, the Ministers and Lay-Delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina and adjacent parts, assembled in St. Paul's Church, (formerly called Grave's Church,) Orange county, N. C., on Saturday, the 20th of April, 1839. A sermon was preached by the Rev B. Arey, from Is. xliv., 5. The President, Rev. Wm. Artz, then followed, and preached the Synodical sermon from Jude, 3d verse.

Some of the Ministers having assembled already on the previous day, the Rev. P. A. Strobel preached from 1 Cor. i., 30. A number of persons who had previously attended a course of religious instruction by the Pastor, were also admitted tc the communion of the Church by the solemn rite of Confirmation.

After the Synodical sermon, Synod was regularly organized for business. The roll being called, the following members answered to their names and took their seats in Synod :

Ordained Ministers.	*Post-Office Address.*
1. Rev Jacob Scherer, - - -	Rural Retreat, Wythe co., Va.
2. " Henry Græber,- - - -	Salisbury, Rowan co, N. C.
3. " William Artz, - - -	Holt's Store, Orange co., N. C.
4. " Samuel Rothrock, - -	Salisbury, Rowan co., N. C.
5. " Benjamin Arey, - - -	Salisbury, Rowan co., N. C.
6. " Elijah Hawkins, - - -	Marion, Smythe co., Va.
7. " Philip A. Strobel, - -	Concord, Cabarrus co., N. C.

Licentiates.	*Post-Office Address.*
8. Rev. Jacob Grieson, - - - -	Clapp's Post-Office, Guilford co., N. C.
9. " Adam Grimes, - - -	Wilksborough, Wilkes co., N. C.
10. " Jacob Crim,* - - - -	Lexington, Davidson co., N. C.

Absentees. (Ordained Ministers.)

11. Rev. G. Shober, (deceased,)
12. " Jacob Miller,
13. " John T. Tabler, - - - Wythe C. H., Va.

Licentiates.

14. " John Swicegood, - - - Pinkston's Store, Davidson co., N. C.

* Received at this meeting of Synod.

The following Lay-Delegates exhibited their certificates of appointment and took their seats as members of Synod :

1.	Mr. George Neff,	from	Rev. J. Scherer's	Congregations.
2.	" John Sloop,	"	" H. Græber's	"
3.	" Michael Holt, Esq.,	"	" Wm. Artz's	"
4.	" Alfred Brown,	"	" S. Rothrock's	"
5.	" Michael Sink,	"	" B. Arey's	"
6.	Col. J. Shimpoch,	"	" P. A. Strobel's	"
7.	Mr. Daniel Glass,	"	" A. Grime's	"

The President now read his Annual Report.

I. *Resolved*, That the President's Report be accepted.

According to the Constitutional order of business, Synod next proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

Rev. William Artz, *President.*
Samuel Rothrock, *Secretary.*
Col. J. Shimpoch, *Treasurer.*

Inquiry was then made, whether any Delegates from sister Synods were present; whereupon brother Strobel stated, that he had received a letter from Rev. Dr. Hazelius, the Delegate appointed by the Synod of South Carolina to attend the meeting of this body, in which he stated, that in consequence of having been called upon to attend to some important duties in another section of the Church, he was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting of our Synod.— The Synod regrets, that our venerable and esteemed Brother could not be present with us.

The President also stated, that Rev. Mr. Crawford had been appointed by the German Reformed Classis as Delegate to this body; and not being present,* was probably detained on account of sickness in his family. We sympathize with Br. Crawford in his afflictions.

Rev. Jacob Crim, a Licentiate from the Synod of South Carolina; and Rev. Swift, of the Christian Church, were introduced to Synod and invited to seats as advisory members.

II. *Resolved*, That we dispense with reading the Minutes of last year, and that a Committee be appointed to examine them, and report on all unfinished business.

All letters and documents intended for Synod, were now called for and referred to Committees to examine and report on them.

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*Brother Crawford afterwards arrived. See.

COMMITTEES.

On President's Report.—Rev. P. A. Strobel, J. Scherer, and M. Holt, Esq.
On Minutes.—Rev. J. Scherer, P. A. Strobel, and M. Holt, Esq.
On Petitions.—Rev. E. Hawkins, H. Græber, and Col. J. Shimpoch.
Treasurer's Accounts.—Col. J. Shimpoch, Mr. A. Brown, and Rev. H. Græber.
Seminary Funds.—Messrs. M. Holt, Esq., M. Sink and Rev. J. Grieson.
On Letters.—Rev. B. Arey, E. Hawkins and Mr. G. Neff.
Minutes of last year.—Rev. H. Græber, Messrs. J. Sloop, and D. Glass.

III. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. E. Hawkins.

Saturday Evening.—Previous notice having been given, a respectable Congregation assembled in the Church on Saturday evening, at early candle light, to engage in sacred worship. The Rev. Jacob Crim preached from Mat. xi., 28.

LORD'S DAY.

At an early hour of the day, a large concourse of people assembled for public worship. The Church, though a spacious one, not being sufficiently large to contain all the people, the services were conducted at a stand, which had been erected near the Church. Rev. E. Hawkins preached an interesting sermon from Ps. xxxvi., 7,8. Rev. P. A. Strobel then followed and delivered an edifying discourse from Ps. cxix, 136. The congregation was then invited into the church to attend to the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After a short intermission, the congregation re-assembled at the stand. Rev. Br. Tabler, who had been appointed by our Missionary Society the preceding year to preach a Missionary sermon at this time, not being present, a sermon, with some reference to the Missionary subject, was preached by the Secretary from Ps. cxvi, 12, 13. A collection was then taken in aid of the Society.

In the evening at early candle light, there was preaching again in the church by Rev. Swift, from John viii, 31, 32. Thus ended the exercises of the Lord's Day.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, April 22, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the President. The roll being called, Synod proceeded to business.

Brother Leopard, a student from our Seminary at Lexington, S. Carolina, was introduced to Synod, and invited to a seat as an advi sory member.

Rev. Jacob Crim, a Licentiate from the Synod of S. Carolina, having received a call from congregations within the bounds of this Synod, made application for regular admission into this body.

IV. *Resolved*, That Br. Crim be received as a member of this Synod, provided he subsequently forward to the President of this body, a certificate of regular dismission from the Synod to which he formerly belonged.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Hazelius was received this morning by the hands of Br. Leopard, and read before Synod.

V. *Resolved*, That this letter be referred to the Committee on letters.

The Minutes of the Synod of South Carolina were also laid upon the table.

VI. *Resolved*, That they be referred to the Committee on Minutes.

Rev. Br. Crawford, delegate from the German Reformed Classis to this body, was introduced by the President, and invited to a seat among us as an advisory member.

The next business in order, was to hear the reports of committees.

REPORT---NO. I.

The Committee appointed to examine the President's Address, beg leave to Report as follows:

1. The death of the late venerable G. Shober is an event deeply to be regretted by our Synod, and the Committee would recommend the passage of some resolutions, expressive of the regard which this Synod cherishes for the memory and services of our lamented Father in Christ.

2. The Committee are rejoiced to hear of the continued prosperity of our Southern Theological Seminary. As the board of directors have deemed it expedient to build a Seminary edifice, and as the debt incurred in its erection has not yet been liquidated, your Committee would recommend, that the Synod appropriate a portion of its funds towards paying such debt. Further, your Committee would recommend that some means be devised by Synod to increase the funds of the Seminary.

3. As it appears from the President's Address, that the Special Confer-

ences held during the past year, have been instrumental in the "*awakening and conversion of sinners and the edification of believers*," your Committee would recommend that these meetings be held in all the Churches connected with this Synod, as often as circumstances may permit.

4. In regard to the allegations made against this Synod by the Tennessee Synod in their late Vindication, your Committee would remark, that there is but one reason, which can justify this Synod in noticing said allegations, viz: that they have been published in the Lutheran Observer, the organ of our Church. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend, that a special committee be appointed to draft an answer to these allegations, and that the report of the committee be published in the Lutheran Observer and Lutheran Herald.

5. Your Committee rejoice to hear of the increasing popularity of the "*Lutheran Observer*," and would recommend renewed efforts on the part of our Ministers to increase its circulation among our People.

6. Your Committee notice with regret the negligence of the members of Synod, in not furnishing the President with information in relation to the condition of their respective charges. An interesting report of the state of the Churches within the bounds of our Synod, cannot be made out unless the brethren correspond with the President. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that it be made the DUTY of each Ordained Minister and Licentiate connected with this Synod, to furnish the President with a yearly report of the condition and progress of his congregations, at least six weeks before each meeting of Synod.

Lastly—Your Committee recommend that the Address as amended, be printed and appended to the minutes. [See Appendix.]

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. STROBEL, Chairman.

VII. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

VIII. *Resolved*, That this Synod has heard with deep regret of the death of the Rev. *Gottleib Shober*, who has, for many years, been an efficient and useful member of this body.

IX. *Resolved*, That this Synod will ever cherish with grateful remembrance, the active zeal and eminent services of *Father Shober*.

X. *Resolved*, That in addition to the amount already contributed by the Congregations under the care of Rev. Messrs. Græber and Strobel towards liquidating the debt incurred in building a Seminary Edifice, the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to forward to the building Committee, the sum of thirty dollars, to be appropriated to the same object.

XI. *Resolved*, That it shall be the *duty* of all the Ministers connected with this Synod, to hold Special Conferences in their congregations as often as practicable.

XII. *Resolved*, That a committee of *three* be appointed to draw up an answer to the allegations made against this Synod by the Tennessee Synod in a Pamphlet entitled "a Vindication, &c.;" and that the Report of the Committee be forwarded, forthwith, to the Editors of the Lutheran Observer and Lutheran Herald.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. P. A. Strobel, J. Scherer, and Mr. M. Holt.

XIII. *Resolved*, That it shall be the *duty* of each Ordained Minister and Licentiate connected with this Synod, to furnish the Presiding officer, with a yearly report of the condition of his Churches, &c., at least six weeks before each meeting of Synod.

The Committe appointed under 12th resoultion, asked leave to withdraw to attend to the duty assigned them.

REPORT---NO. II.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, beg leave to report, viz.:

May 14th, 1838.	Received by amount from former Treasurer,	$30	00
"	Contributions from the Churches, in 1838, - -	79	46
"	Cash from the Rev. S. Rothrock, - - - - -	50	00
	Total of Receipts, - - - - -	$159	46
August 29th, 1838.	By cash paid Austin & Fisher for printing Minutes, - - - - - - - - - -	$42	97½
	Balance in Treasury, - - - -	$116	48½

Respectfully submitted,
J. SHIMPOCH, Chairman.

XIV. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

REPORT---NO. III.

Your Committee appointed to look over the Minutes of the last year's Session, have attended to their duty, and now beg leave to report the following items as unfinished business:

1. We are not certain, whether the Book Committee have been successful in the selection and sale of the books belonging to this Synod, during the past Synodical year, as specified in the 14th Resolution.

2. We would consider the formation of a Pastoral District, petitioned for in 1837, and referred at our last Session, as specified in the 18th Resolution, to the consideration of St. John's Church, as unfinished business.

3. We do not know that our President's excellent Ordination sermon, delivered before Synod last year, has appeared in the Lutheran Pulpit, according to the 24th Resolution.

4. We have obtained no intelligence that the Rev. Messrs. Arey, Strobel and Rothrock have spent any time in destitute Congregations in Lincoln county, N. C., during the past year, according to 30th Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY GRAÆBER, Chairman.

XV. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

In relation to the first paragraph in this Report, see the report of the Book Committee.

In relation to the second paragraph, see the recommendatory resolutions, subsequently passed, relative to the formation of Pastoral Districts throughout the bounds of Synod in North Carolina.

In relation to the third paragraph, the President assigned reasons satisfactory to Synod, why his Ordination sermon was not published.

In relation to the fourth, the brethren, who had been appointed to visit destitute congregations in Lincoln county, stated, that having numerous labors to attend to at home; and the Missionary committee having succeeded in the employment of a Missionary to visit those, as well as other destitute congregations within the bounds of

this Synod, they felt themselves excusable for not complying with the 30th Resolution.

REPORT---NO. IV.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to superintend the sale of the books bequeathed to Synod by the late venerable Charles A. Stork, beg leave to report:

That upon examining Mr. Stork's *Will*, it was ascertained, that in addition to the portion of books allotted by Father Stork, to the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, the right of a selection was also secured by said *Will*, to the Rev. T. F. Stork. Mr. Stork has been on a visit to N. C., since your Committee were appointed, and has taken such books as he wanted. The rest were exposed to public sale at two different times, but with little success. The amount sold, was $10 45, which is herewith transmitted. Between 20 and 30 volumes remain unsold.

Your Committee were instructed to select some suitable books for the use of the Southern Theological Seminary. As all the books (except a few of those selected by Rev. T. F. Stork) were German works, your Committee believed they could not be of much use at the Seminary, and therefore deemed it inexpedient to send them.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. STROBEL,
C. MELCHOR,
JOHN SHIMPOCH,
} Committee.

XVI. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

REPORT---NO. V.

The Committee appointed to prepare an answer to the allegations made against this, by the "Tennessee Synod," have endeavored to comply with the wishes of Synod, in as far as the short time allotted for the discharge of this duty would permit. The allegations are as follows:— That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of N. C., has deviated from the rules and doctrine of the Church,

1. By a breach of the Constitution of Synod in 1819.
2. By the denial of a ratified Constitution.
3. By a deviation from the Lutheran doctrine on the subject of the Lord's Supper.

It is asserted in the first place, that this Synod violated its Constitution in 1819. The only argument by which this charge is attempted to be sustained, is that the Synod met that year several weeks earlier than the time prescribed by the Constitution. It is true that the North Carolina Synod did meet, in 1819, on the 25th day of April, whereas the constitutional time for meeting was Trinity Sunday. The reasons for changing the time of meeting were the following: The Synod of Pennsylvania had expressed a desire to effect, if possible, a closer union of all the Lutheran Synods in North America, than had previously existed. This wish was communicated by the official and other members of that body, to the Secrecretary of our Synod, who communicated the same to the other members, and particularly to the worthy President, Rev. C. A. Stork. The majority of those who were consulted, concurred in the opinion, that every thing practicable ought to be done to promote so desirable a union. The proposed meeting was to be held in Baltimore on Trinity Sunday, in 1819, at which time place, an effort was to be made to effect this union. As the consideration of this subject could not be deferred until Trinity Sunday, and as a majority

of the members had expressed a willingness to co-operate in this measure, it was deemed expedient that the President should call the meeting of Synod at an earlier period than that prescribed by the Constitution. As before stated, the N. C. Synod met in 1819, on the 25th of April, and after the letters of the Rev. G. Lochman, Pres't., and Rev. Christian Endress, Secretary of the Synod of Pennsylvania were read, the meeting was *unanimously* approved of. The members present were Rev. Messrs. C. A. Stork, Robert J. Miller, Jacob Scherer, Gottlieb Shober, GODFREY DREHER, DANIEL MOSER, Daniel Scherer, Michael Rauch, DAVID HENKEL, Jacob Miller, Daniel Walcher, John Dreher, Michael Mackin, and Martin Walter. [See Minutes of Synod for 1819, page 5.]

From the above statement it will be seen that Mr. DAVID HENKEL, one of the founders of the "Tennessee Synod," and Mr. DANIEL MOSER, who is now an active member of that body, were present at the meeting, took part in the deliberations and approved of the proceedings.

Your Committee are of opinion, that it will not be departing from the sphere of duty assigned them, to give a brief and candid statement of the origin of the "Tennessee Synod;" and this seems to be the more called for, as attempts have been made to prove that *we* and not the "*Tennessee Synod*," are *seceders*.

At the called meeting of the Synod, which was held on the 25th of April, 1819, at St. John's Church in Cabarrus county, Andrew Hoyle, Esq., a respectable member of the German Reformed Church, residing in Lincoln county, preferred certain charges against Mr. David Henkel, who was then a Licentiate under the care of the N. Carolina Synod. The principal charge, among others, was that Mr. Henkel had attempted to destroy Mr. Hoyle's character by asserting FALSEHOODS in relation to him. This charge was fully sustained by competent evidence, and Mr. Henkel admitted its truth before Synod, and promised to conduct himself with greater propriety in future, provided the Synod would forgive him. In view, however, of the serious nature of the charge brought against Mr. Henkel, the Synod could not consistently, with a sense of duty, *ordain* him as he desired, but licensed him for six months and laid certain restrictions upon him.

From some causes or other, the Rev. *Philip Henkel*, an ordained Minister in connection with the N. Carolina Synod, did not attend the called meeting of Synod, but appeared at St. John's Church on Trinity Sunday, the constitutional time for holding the annual meeting. On this occasion the Rev. Philip Henkel proceeded to ordain his brother *David*, (who was then under censure,) without the authority of Synod, and contrary to all the prescribed and acknowledged rules of our Church. It may not be amiss here to remark, that the ordination of Mr. David Henkel took place without the Church under an *oak tree*. The year following, these two individuals, in connection with their father, the Rev. Paul Henkel, finally separated from the North Carolina Synod, and constituted themselves the "Tennessee Synod." Such is the *origin* of the "*Tennessee Synod*."

We come now to the *second* allegation, viz: that the Synod of North Carolina had deviated from the rules and doctrine of the Church, "*by the denial of a ratified Constitution*."

It is true that at the meeting of the N. Carolina Synod, in Lincolnton, in 1820, the Rev. C. A. Stork, and the Rev. G. Shober, did deny that the Constitution had been ratified. But after mature reflection and an examination of the documents of previous Synods, they were convinced that they had been mistaken, and on the next day, PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED their error. [See Minutes, 1820, page 4.] This acknowledgement, the authors of the "Vindication" from the great regard which they profess for "*the whole truth*," and "*justice to the memory of the dead*," which they hold so

sacred, ought to have been *candid* and *honest* enough to make. It is no dishonor to any man to acknowledge his errors when fairly convinced, unless indeed, he esteem himself a God infallible.

The *third* allegation is, that we have departed from the rules and doctrine of the Church, "*by a deviation from the Lutheran doctrine* on the subject of the Lord's Supper."

As regards the Lord's Supper we receive that which was delivered unto us by our Lord and his holy Apostles: "that our Lord Jesus Christ in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it unto his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me," &c., &c.

'We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the body and blood of Christ; that *faith*, *true* and *genuine faith* in the words of the institution is the *principal* thing in the sacrament, and that whosoever *truly* believes these words, "given and shed for you," has what they promise, even the forgiveness of sins. [See Luther's smaller Catechism.]

Your Committee would remark, that for the reasons already assigned by the committe on the President's Annual Report, (viz., that these charges had appeared in the Lutheran Observer,) and because most of our people have not access to the minutes of our Synod for the years 1819 and '20, these explanations are highly necessary. We court not controversy—we would rather avoid it; but the cause of truth and justice to ourselves, loudly call for the steps which we have taken in this matter.

From what has been said, it will be evident to every reflecting mind,

a. That if Mr. David Henkel had not been censured by the N. Carolina Synod, in 1819, for his improper conduct; and had Synod not refused to ordain him, he would not, in all probability have become disaffected towards this body, and we would never have been charged with deviations from the Rules and Doctrines of the Church.

b. That the allegations brought against us by the "Tennessee Synod," are *unfounded;* and have been evidently made for the purpose of deceiving the uninformed, and averting from themselves that odium, which their extraordinary proceedings are calculated to bring them.

It is to be hoped that this Synod will now dismiss the further consideration of the above charges, and that in future it will disregard any and all of the accusations brought against it by the "*Tennessee Synod.*"

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. STROBEL,
JACOB SCHERER,
MICHAEL HOLT.

XVII. *Unanimously Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

REPORT---NO. VI.

The Committee appointed to examine and report on the minutes of sister Synods, beg leave to present the following statement, that—

No. 1—Are the minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland. This Synod held its last meeting at Cumberland, commencing on the 18th October, 1838. There were 13 Ordained Ministers and Licentiates present and 7 absent. The officers of Synod are—Rev. B. Kurtz, D. D. President; Rev. J. Kehler, Sec., and J. P. Cline, Treasurer. The following are the Parochial reports: Congregations, 58; Baptisms, 891; Admitted by confirmation and certificate, 589; Communicants, 4,544; Sabbath schools, 33; Scholars, 1,365; Bible Classes, 2; Temperance Societies, 11. This Synod appointed the Rev. S. W. Harkey as delegate to our Synod.

No. 2—Are the minutes of the Synod of New York. This Synod held

its last meeting in St. Peter's Church, Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, N. Y., on the 8th Sept., 1838. There were 20 Ordained Ministers and Licentiates present, and 10 absent. The following are the Parochial reports:

Congregations, 34; Baptisms, 1,224; Received by confirmation and certificate, 355; Communicants, 4, 760; Sabbath schools, 15; Teachers, 105; Scholars, 670. The officers of Synod are—Rev. A. Wackerhagen, President; Rev. C. A. Smith, Sec.; and ——— Treasurer.

No. 3—Are the minutes of the Hartwick Synod, which convened at Lockport, Niagara county, N. Y., on Sept. 15th, 1838. There were 8 Ministers present and 3 absent. The officers of Synod are—Rev. J. Z. Senderling, President; Rev. D. Eyster, Sec.; and Rev. Thomas Lape, Treas'r. The following are the Parochial reports:

Congregations, 18; Baptisms, 299; Received by confirmation and certificate, 198; Sabbath schools, 15.

No. 4—Are the minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia. This Synod held its last meeting at Madison, C. H., Va., commencing May 21st, 1838. The officers are—Rev. J. B. Davis, President; Rev. T. F. Stork, Sec.; Rev. T. Miller, Treas'r. The number of Ministers belonging to this Synod, is 11.

No. 5—Are the minutes of the Synod of Ohio, which convened at Columbus, Columbia county, Ohio, on October 18th, 1838. The number of Ministers present was 13. The following are the Parochial reports:

Congregations, 83; Baptisms, 1,087; Confirmed, 433; Communicants, 8,314; Sabbath schools, 18; Congregational Schools, 22. The officers of Synod are—Rev. W. H. Weygandt, Pres'dt.; Rev. J. J. Faust, Sec.; Rev. M. Kuchler, Treasurer.

No. 6—Are the minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, which convened at St. John's Church in Lexington District, S. C., on Nov. 10th, 1838. The number of Ministers present was 17, and 4 absent. The officers are—Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D., Pres't.; Rev. J. C. Hope, Sec.; Col. W. Caughman, Treas'r. The following are the Parochial reports:

Congregations, 27; Baptisms, 193; Confirmed, 42; Communicants, 1,566; Sabbath schools, 9; Teachers, 35; Scholars, 234.—From the minutes it appears that the delegate appointed by this Synod to attend that of South Carolina, was present. The Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D., was appointed to attend the present meeting of our Synod, and Rev. W. Berly his alternate.

From the following Evangelical Lutheran Synods we have no Minutes:

The East Pennsylvania Synod,
" West Pennsylvania "
" English Synod of Ohio,
" Synod of the West.

Two pamphlets were laid before the Committee from the Tennessee Synod; one containing the minutes of the last meeting of said body, the other, its *Constitution*, and a sermon on the Lord's Supper.

Your Committee do not feel authorized to report on these pamphlets;—*a*. Because they were not handed in at the constitutional time; and *b*. Because we are not on terms of correspondence with the Tennessee Synod. Respectfully submitted,

JACOB SCHERER, Ch'm.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

XIX. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, to give an opportunity to the Missionary and Education Society to hold its Annual Meeting this afternoon.

[For proceedings of the Missionary and Education Society, see end of Minutes.]

A sermon was then preached by the Rev. H. Græber, from II Cor. v., 14, first clause, in the German language.

In the evening, at early candle light, Br. Leopard, student from Lexington Seminary, preached in the church from Rom. vi., 23.

[For Minutes of Ministerium, see *Ministerial Session*.]

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, April 23, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer.

REPORT---NO. VII.

The Committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Seminary, beg leave to state—

1. The Treasurer reports that he received, in 1837,	$531 75
2. That he paid the interest ($31 84¼) of the above amount to M. Barrier, Esq., according to the order of Synod in 1838.	
3. That he received in 1838, per. S. Rothrock, -	237 00
Making total of Receipts, - -	$768 75

4. That the interest now due on the funded capital of the Seminary, is $46 07, which interest he has placed in the hands of S. Rothrock to be paid over to Synod.

Your Committee recommend that the interest due on our funded capital, be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Seminary, appointed by the S. C. Synod, Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL HOLT, Ch'm.

XX. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the interest due on our funded capital be paid

over to Br. Leopard, to be conveyed by him to the Treasurer of Seminary, appointed by S. C. Synod.

The money collected by the agents for the benefit of the Lexington Seminary, was then paid over as follows:

Rev.	J. Scherer,	$53 00
"	H. Græber,	68 50
"	W. Artz,	7 50
Mr.	M. Holt,	10 00
	S. Rothrock,	39 00
Rev.	B. Arey,	20 00
"	P. A. Strobel,	16 00
	Sale of Books,	10 45
	Total,	$224 45

XXII. *Resolved*, That the above money be paid over to S. Rothrock, to be conveyed by him to the Treasurer of Seminary.

REPORT---NO. VIII.

The Committee, to whom was assigned the examination of Petitions to this Synod, have attended to their duty, and beg leave to report:

No. 1—Is a Petition from Davie county, N. Carolina, about 8 miles South and South-West of Mocksville, signed by forty-three persons, in which they state, that they are destitute of a Minister of the Gospel to break unto them the bread of Eternal Truth, to baptize their children and instruct their youth. They state also, that inasmuch as they live within 15 miles of St. Michael's church, in Iredell county, they might be supplied by the same Pastor who has charge of that church. They promise to contribute to the best of their ability to the support of a Minister should they be supplied.

Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 2—Is a Petition from St. Peter's church in Wythe county, Va., signed by the Elders and Deacons, inviting this Synod to hold its next Session therein, and that their church be consecrated at the same time. In case this favor should not be granted, they desire that a protracted meeting be held there on the second Sunday in October next; and that their church be consecrated during this meeting.

Your Committee refer their invitation to the consideration of Synod, and in case that the next Synodical Session should not be held in their midst, recommend that a protracted meeting be held at the time and place above specified, and the church consecrated.

No. 3—Is a Petition from St. Enoch's church, Rowan co., N. C., in which they ask, that two or three Ministers be appointed to assist their Pastor in the Dedication of their Church, at such time as the

Synod may deem expedient; but would prefer having it done early next Fall. Moreover, they invite this Synod to hold its next annual Session in their church.

Your Committee recommend, that said number of Ministers be

appointed to assist in the Dedication of the church; but refer their invitation to the consideration of Synod.

No. 4—Is a Petition from St. Paul's church, Rowan co., N. C., inviting this Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church, which we recommend to the consideration of Synod.

No. 5—Is a Petition from St. Michael's church, Iredell co., N. Carolina, inviting this Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.—Referred to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIJAH HAWKINS, Ch'm.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That this Report be *accepted*; but that the *consideration* of it be deferred till the afternoon session.

XXIV. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till after divine service.

LICENSURE.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Ministerium, the service of Licensure was attended to to-day in the church. Rev. Jacob Scherer preached the Licensure sermon from I Cor. xv., 58. The President then invited Br. Crim, who had previously been examined by the Ministerium, as to his qualifications for the work of the Gospel Ministry, to the altar; and after an affectionate admonition, proposed to him the customary constitutional questions, which being answered in the affirmative, the President delivered him his License, authorizing him to perform the various duties of a Gospel Minister. The services were then closed with prayer by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met and resumed its business.

The Report of the Committee on Petitions, which had been deferred to the afternoon session, was then taken up and acted upon.

XXV. *Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.

XXVI. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod, together with Rev. Messrs. Arey and Rothrock, be appointed to attend at St. Enoch's church on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in September next, to assist in the dedication of said church.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the members of the "Tennessee Synod" have attempted to impose themselves upon the Public as Lutherans; and inasmuch as their names have been published in the Lutheran Observer in the Register of Lutheran Ministers; our *delegates* to the General Synod be instructed to collect such documents as may be calcula-

ted to throw light on this question, and that the General Synod be requested to express its *opinion*, whether or not the "Tennessee Synod" is to be acknowledged as an Evangelical Lutheran Body.

REPORT---NO. IX.

The Delegate to the Synod of South Carolina begs leave to state: That he attended the last meeting of the South Carolina Synod as Delegate from this body, and was very kindly received. The Brethren in the South, tho' they have to contend with many difficulties, are laboring arduously and successfully in the cause of the Master. The Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D., was appointed by the S. C. Synod to attend the present meeting of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. STOBEL, Delegate.

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That we rejoice to hear, that our Delegate to the S. C. Synod was kindly received, and regret that Rev. Dr. Hazelius could not attend the meeting of our Synod.

The Parochial Reports were then handed in and registered.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.*

MINISTERS.	No. Congregations,	Bap'ms Children,	Bap'ms Adults,	Confirmed,	Received by Letter,	Communicants,	Burials,	Removed,	Expelled,	Sunday Schools,	Teachers,	Scholars,	Catechumens,	Tempe'ce Societies,
Rev. J. Scherer,	4	26				198	9			2			30	
" H. Græber,	3	130	5	89		695	9			3		400		
S. Rothrock,	2	37		4	1	191	12	3		2				1
" B. Arey,	5	45	2	31			7			2				
" E. Hawkins,	4	34	1	20		170	2							
" P. A. Strobel,	4	40	3	46	46	387	5	5	1	5	31	255		
" J. Grieson,		3												
" A. Grimes,		7					2							
Total,	22	322	11	190	47	1641	46	8	1	14	31	655	30	1

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF SYNOD.

Rev. J. Scherer's Congregations.

St. Paul's Church,		$2 10
Kimberling's,	"	1 10
St. Peter's	"	2 00
Zion's	"	1 50——$6 70

*Some of the Brethren did not furnish the Secretary with their Reports, in consequence of which, the Parochial Registry this year is imperfect. [See.

Rev. H. Græber's Congregations.

Sewitses' Church,		$4 00
St. John's	"	8 00
Organ	"	6 00—18 00

Rev. W. Artz's Congregations.

Richland Church,		$1 10
Coble's	"	1 10
St. Paul's	"	9 55—11 75

Samuel Rothrock's Congregations.

Union Church,		$2 00
St. Paul's	"	2 00——4 00

Rev. B. Arey's Congregations.

St. Mathew's Church,		$1 10
Beck's	"	62½
St. Michael's	"	1 31¼
Sandy-Creek,	"	97½
Pilgrim's	"	50——4 61¼

Rev. E. Hawkin's Congregations.

Sharon Church,		$1 25
Collep's	"	1 66¼
Chilhowee	"	2 68¾
By a friend,		25——5 85

Rev. P. A. Strobel's Congregations.

Cold-water Church,		$4 50
St. Enoch's	"	3 50
St. Stephen's	"	2 70
Bear-Creek,	"	1 25—11 95

Rev. J. Grieson's Congregation.

Lau's Church,	50

Rev. J. T. Tabler's Congregations.

St. John's Church,	5 50
Total of contributions,	$69 86½
Balance in Treasury as reported by Committee,	116 48½
Total in Treasury,	$186 34¾

Ordered, That the Treasurer refund to S. Rothrock $2 05, postage, paper, &c.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay Rev. P. A. Strobel, $7 50—travelling expenses to S. Carolina Synod as Delegate.

Ordered, That the Treasurer loan the money, which may not be needed to defray the expenses of printing Minutes &c. on interest, taking bonds and security.

REPORT--NO. X.

The Committee appointed to examine the Letters addressed to Synod, have attended to their duty and beg leave to submit the following Report :

No. 1—Is a letter from Rev. John Swicegood, in which he states his desire to be present at this meeting of Synod, but has been prevented from so doing by bodily indisposition. In this letter he incloses his *License* and desires that they be renewed. Your Committee recommend, that Rev. J. Swicegood be excused for non-attendance, and refer the renewal of his License to the Ministerium.

No. 2—Is a long and interesting letter from Rev. S. W. Harkey, of Frederick city, Md., addressed to this Synod. In this letter he states, that he had been appointed by the Maryland Synod as Delegate to this body, but has been prevented from attending in consequence of having to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gettysburg Seminary now in session. As a Delegate of that Synod, he tenders to this body the best wishes of the same, and assures us that they entertain the most friendly and fraternal feelings towards us, with their prayers that the blessing of God may rest upon us in our deliberations.

As this letter contains an interesting account of the prosperity of religion in the bounds of that Synod, your Committee recommend, that the letter be read before Synod.

No. 3—Is a letter from Dr. E. L. Hazelius, Professor of Theology in the Lexington Seminary. We have nothing special to recommend in relation to this letter, inasmuch as it has been read before Synod.

No. 4—Is a letter from the Elders and Decons of the Organ church in Rowan county, in which is contained an expression of their opinion in relation to the formation of a new Pastoral District.

Your Committee recommend, that it be read before Synod.

No. 5—Is a letter from St. John's Church, Cabarrus county, on the same subject : We recommend that it also be read.

Respectfully submitted,

B. AREY, *Chairman*.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That this report be adopted.

XXX. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the friendly disposition manifested towards this body by the Maryland Synod, and deeply regret that Br. Harkey has not been able to attend our present meeting.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That in lieu of a delegate, our Secretary addresses a friendly letter to the Maryland Synod.

The following recommendations, relative to the formation of Pastoral Districts, were then read.

In view of the scattered and destitute condition of many of the

Congregations within the bounds of our Synod; and in order to a better arrangement and organization of our Churches, this Synod would present the following *recommendations* to the serious and prayerful consideration of our People:

1. We *recommend*, That, if practicable, two Pastoral Districts be formed of the Churches in Guilford and Orange counties.
2. We *recommend*, That the Congregations in Davidson together with Hopewell Church in Stokes, form another District.
3. We *recommend*, That Union, St. Paul's and St. Matthew's Churches in Rowan county, form another District.
4. We *recommend*, That St. Enoch's Church in Rowan county, and Coldwater Church in Cabarrus county, make another Pastoral District.
5. We *recommend*, That one be formed of Organ and Sewitze's Churches in Rowan county.
6. We *recommend*, That one be formed between St. John's and St. Stephen's Churches in Cabarrus county, and Bear Creek Church in Montgomery county.
7. We *recommend*, That as soon as a Church can be built in Davie county, it be connected with the Iredell charge.
8. We *recommend*, That John's Church in Salisbury call its own Pastor, and that in order to secure an adequate support, the Congregation proceed to raise a school to be under the care and instruction of the Pastor.

XXXII. *Unanimously resolved*, That these recommendations be adopted.*

An election was then held for the place of our next Synodical meeting. Invitations were given from St. Peter's Church, Wythe county, Va., St. Enoch's and St. Paul's Churches, Rowan county, and St. Michael's Church, Iredell county, N. C. On counting the votes, it appeared that St. Michael's church had a majority; therefore—

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of Synod be held in St. Michael's Church, Iredell county, N. C., to convene on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1840, and that Synod be organized at 2 o'clock, P. M., of the same day,

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That the Church, in which the present meeting of Synod is held, be distinguished by the name of St. Paul's Church, Orange county, N. C.

XXXV. *Resolved*, That a protracted meeting be held at St. Paul's Church, Orange county, commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September next; and that the Church be *dedicated* at that time.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, That the President appoint *three* ministers specially, and give an invitation to *all*, to attend said meeting.

Ministers appointed:—Rev. Messrs. Rothrock, B. Arey, and P. A. Strobel.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, That a protracted meeting be held in St. Peter's Church, Wythe county, Va., to be attended by the ministers in Virginia belonging to this Synod; and that the Church be *dedicated* at that time.

Synod, having been informed that Rev. J. T. Tabler and C.

* NOTE.—It is understood, that each Congregation, interested in the above recommendations, will take the vote thereon, and report the result at next meeting of Synod Secretary.

Brown, Esq., could not attend the next meeting of General Synod as delegates from this body, proceeded to appoint others in their room.

Delegates appointed: S. Rothrock, Ministerial, and Mr. Charles Fisher, Esq., Lay-Delegate.

Delegates were also appointed to the Synod of South Carolina, and German Reformed Classis, viz:

To Synod of S. Carolina—Rev. H. Graeber.
To German Reformed Classis—Rev. W. Artz.

XXXVIII. *Resolved*, That if Br. Græber finds it impracticable to attend the next meeting of S. C. Synod, he shall give the President *timely* notice, who shall then appoint an alternate.

XXXIX. *Resolved*. That Br. Tabler be excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod.

XL. That $25 be given to Br. Grimes out of the Synodical Treasury, to enable him to preach to destitute Congregations in Stokes county as often as practicable till next meeting of Synod; and, that one half of said amount be paid him now.

XLI. *Resolved*, That 1500 copies of the Minutes of Synod be printed —that the Secretary superintend the printing and distribution of them, and that the usual number of copies be sent to all sister Synods in the United States.

XLII. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod be requested to communicate to our friends and brethren in this neighborhood, our unfeigned thanks for their hospitality, and the unremitted care and attention, which they have manifested for our comfort during our stay in their midst.

XLIII. *Resolved*, That Synod now close its sessions.

Closed with singing and prayer.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, *Secretary*.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

MONDAY, April 22, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium met and was opened with singing and prayer.

After mutual conversation,

1. *Resolved*, That we regret that Br. Jacob Miller has neglected to write to our Synod for several years, and recommend that the Secretary correspond with him, with a view to ascertain whether he intends to continue in connection with our Synod, and if not, we recommend that he attach himself to the Synod of the West.

2. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the *License* of Br. Crim, obtained from the Synod of South Carolina, will expire before the next meeting of our Synod, the Ministerium proceed to examine him as to his qualifications for the work of the Gospel Ministry.

Rev. B. Arey requested leave of absence for the remainder of the evening, which was granted.

Br. Crim having sustained his examination, therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That Br. Crim receive License on to-morrow in the church.

4. *Resolved*, That Ministerium adjourn, to meet again to-morrow at the close of Synod.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, April 23, 4 o'clock, P. M.

In relation to the petition from Davie County for ministerial labor,

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the petitioners to proceed, as soon as possible, to organize themselves regularly into a congregation and build a church; and that Br. Arey supply them preaching in connection with St. Michael's church.

In relation to Br. Swicegood's letter,

6. *Resolved*, That we regret that Br. Swicegood could not attend with us at this meeting of Synod; and that his License be renewed for one year.

7. *Resolved*, That Ministerium now adjourn. Closed with a benediction.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EDUCATION AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MONDAY, April 22, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment at its last meeting, the Missionary and Education Society, connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of N. C., met this afternoon to hold its Annual Meeting. Opened with singing and prayer by Rev. E. Hawkins.

The Constitution was then read, after which a number of persons became members of the Society by the payment of 50 cents. The names of a number of members were also handed by Br. Strobel.

The Society then proceeded to an election for offices for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. W. ARTZ, President,
S. ROTHROCK, Secretary,
Mr. M. BARRIER, Treasurer.

1. *Resloved*, That the President appoint six Directors; and the Society elect a Missionary Committee of 3 by ballot, all to serve till the next Annual Meeting.

Directors Appointed:—Messrs. M. Holt, J. Shimpoch, A. Brown, M. Sink, E. M. Holt, and Geo. Neff.

Missionary Committee:—Rev. Messrs. H. Græber, P. A. Strobel, and S. Rothrock.

The Missionary Committee of the past year stated, that since the last meeting of the Society, they had employed Rev. Jacob Crim for the space of three months, to missionate among our destitute people, and to break unto them the bread of Eternal Truth.

Rev. J. Crim then read a report of his Missionary labors before the Society.

2. *Resolved*, That Br. Crim's Missionary Report be accepted; and a Committee of *three* appointed to prepare an extract for publication in the Minutes.

Committee Appointed:—Rev. Messrs. P. A. Strobel, B. Arey, and H. Græber.

The Treasurer not being personally present, sent in a Report of the state of the Treasury.

3. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report.

Committee:—M. Holt, Esq., Col. Shimpoch, and Rev. H. Græber.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. P. A. Strobel's Congregations.

Cold-Water Church	$6 75

St. Stephen's "	5 15	
Bear Creek "	2 25	
St. Enoch's "	2 45	—16 60

S. Rothrock's Congregations.

Union Church	2 00	
St. Paul's "	3 00	—5 00

Rev. H. Græber's Congregations.

St. John's and Organ Churches,	19 26
Rev. B. Arey's Congregations,	8 66¼
Rev. J. Crim's Collections as Missionary,	12 56¼
Collection, St. Paul's Church, on Sabbath,	13 10
Contributed by members,	9 25
Total,	$84 43½

4. *Resolved*, That this Society pay Rev. J. Crim $75 for three months Missionary labor.

5. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take charge of the contributions to the funds of the Society; deliver them to the Treasurer, and take his bond for the same.

Committee:—Col. J. Shimpoch, and Rev. P. A. Strobel.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report, beg leave to state, that they have attended to their duty and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

M. HOLT, Chairman

5. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

From the Report of the Treasurer it appears that the Society's money has been loaned out on interest; and that the amount (including interest up to this date) in the Treasury is,	$113 07
To the above add the contributions at this meeting of the Society,	84 43½
	$197 50½
Deduct Missionary's salary,	75 00
Balance in the Treasury,	$122 50½

7. *Resolved*, That in reliance upon Divine assistance, the Society will support, the ensuing year, two suitable indigent young men in their preparation for the Ministry.

8. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be authorized to examine all applicants for pecuniary aid—take notes for the amount loaned without interest, and that the money be a gift, provided they be not *able* to refund it and the Evangelical Lutheran church have the benefit of their Ministerial labor.

9. *Resolved*, That a Committee of *three* be appointed to revise the Constitution and report such amendments, as they may deem necessary, at the next Annual meeting of the Society.

Committee:—Rev. Messrs. H. Græber, B. Arey, and P. A. Strobel.

10. *Resolved*, That there be a *special* meeting of the Society on Monday after the 2d Sunday in September next, at St. Enoch's church, Rowan county, N. C.

11. *Resolved*, That the President of the Society be appointed to deliver an address on the occasion, and the Secretary be his alternate.

12. *Resolved*, That the President appoint a minister to preach a Missionary sermon at the next Annual meeting of the Society.

Appointed:—Rev. E. Hawkins.

13. *Resolved*, That the next Annual meeting of this Society be held at the same time and place of our next Synodical meeting; that the Missionary sermon be preached on Sabbath afternoon, and the Society meet on the succeeding day at 1 o'clock, p. m.

14. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be voted to the Secretary for his Missionary discourse on Sabbath.

15. *Resolved*, That an extract of the proceedings of this meeting be printed with the Minutes of Synod.

16. *Resolved*, That the Society now adjourn.

Closed with singing and prayer.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Secretary.

An abstract of the Report of Rev. Jacob Crim, Missionary employed by the Missionary and Education Society connected with the N. Carolina Synod.

From this Report it appears, that your Missionary commenced his labors on the 10th of last January; that he visited Lincoln, Stokes, Davie and Davidson counties in this State. He also extended his labors into Washington and Green counties in Tennessee. It would seem from this Report, that the state of religion generally speaking is by no means encouraging. The success of your Missionary was not flattering. The various sections through which he travelled are peopled by Germans, and their descendants, but too many of them, alas! have been deceived and led astray by the party who seceded from our Synod in 1820.

Your Missionary is of opinion, that in many places the Church might again be built up, if suitable men could be procured for the work. There are not a few who are still attached to our venerable Church, but their means are too limited to enable them to maintain a Minister statedly amongst them. From the inclemency of the last winter and other circumstances, your Missionary appears to have been considerably hindred in the discharge of his duties.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. STROBEL,
B. AREY,
H. GRÆBER.

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren: Again we have cause of gratitude to God for his continued care and protection over us, and the varied and unnumbered blessings which have been mercifully granted to us. Again are we permitted and enabled by a merciful Providence and the concurrent agency of various benign means to meet and to congratulate each other in Synodical Convention, and in circumstances favorable to our temporal and eternal well-being and happiness. Many in the narrow circle of our acquaintance, who, twelve months ago, were, perhaps, gay and vain in the expectation of living many years, have been removed by death from time to eternity, in the course of the past year. Why were they taken and we left? Certainly it was not owing to ourselves. This we owe to the Lord our God, who has manifested his patience in our preservation, and spared us to celebrate his mercy, and, together with his people, to rejoice in his goodness, and who has, therefore, a right to claim from us increased zeal and diligence in his service throughout our future days. Here, however, it becomes my unpleasant duty, in presenting to you my annual report, to advert to the lamented death of our aged and venerable father, the Rev. Gotleib Shober, of Salem, N. C., who, on Saturday, the 29th of June, 1838, departed this life, after being confined for one day only, although for some years his bodily health and native vigor of mind had been rapidly declining. At his death, he was in the 82d year of his age. From the year 1810, the lamented deceased had been a regular member and minister of the Lutheran church; for a few years he was chosen Secretary; through several successive terms President of the Synod of North Carolina, and for one term President of the General Synod. His life was spent in untired activity and useful labors until old age admonished him to seek retirement. The Church, the benevolent societies, especially the Education and Sunday School cause, all have lost a liberal and efficient member and patron. May his memory long be cherished and respected among us, and his exemplary activity and liberality be imitated.

From letters received during the past year, I have had the pleasure to learn that our Theological Seminary at Lexington, South Carolina, is still in a prosperous condition, sending forth enlightened and pious ministers to supply the wants of the Church, and, that, by the blessing of God and the efficient co-operation of its friends, it will continue to do so. Having received satisfactory information from other sources, I did not myself correspond with the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, as requested of me in the xxvi. Resolution on the Minutes of our last Synod, relative to the building of a Seminary Edifice and the permanent location of the Institution. The intention of the Board was to build a suitable house, as a Lecture Room and Library, that would cost about $400 00, and that it should be so constructed that it could be used as a dwelling house and command a ready sale as such, should it ever be deemed expedient to

change the location of the Seminary. Believing that such a building would afford many advantages and that it was needed immediately, I addressed a Circular to the Brethren, conveying this information,—requesting them to lay the subject before their respective Congregations, to solicit contributions to be applied to this purpose and to forward the result of their efforts to the Rev. S. Rothrock, of Salisbury, that by him it might be conveyed to the Institution of Lexington.

The proposed building is erected and the Board finds itself still in debt for it to the amount of about $70 00. Would it not manifest the interest we feel in the prosperity of this infant school of the prophets to contribute something for the accommodation of its Professor and Students, and also to increase from year to year the funds we have on hands for its benefit!—We have no reason to deplore, where the subject of raising a funded capital, the yearly interest of which should go to sustain the Seminary in its operations, was introduced, it found friends and patrons. But it must be acknowledged that we have not contributed to the extent of our abilities; some of our churches have as yet done nothing. In these days of evangelical activity, no Congregation can be guiltless, that does not come up to the help of the Lord; but we trust that after the subject of defraying a small proportion of the expense necessarily incurred by erecting the above mentioned building for the use of the Seminary, has been thus fairly presented, you will yet come to the relief of the Board, and of our imploring Zion. We commend our cause to the liberality of the friends of Christ and to his own gracious protection.

Several special conferences were held during the past year, which were attended with the blessing of Almighty God and the outpouring of his Holy Spirit, by which the great and chief objects of these meetings were fully realized, that is, "to awaken and convert sinners and to edity believers by close pratical preaching of the Gospel of Christ." That Gospel may we continue to preach faithfully instead of substituting the wisdom of man and matters of doubtful disputation; or of cold and dry speculation, and God will continue to bless the means of his own appointment to the awakening and converson of careless and impenitent souls and to the comfort and establishment in the ways of God, and of the heirs of salvation.

From the Rev. Mr. S. Rothrock I have received information, that he has resigned the pastoral charge of John's church, Salisbury.

On the first day of April, I received a letter from the Rev. John T. Tabler, of Wythetown, Va., in which he informed me that he could not attend the present meeting of Synod on account of unforeseen circumstances preventing, and, of course, could not preach the Missionary sermon.—Brother Tabler requests Synod to excuse his non-attendance. I have appointed the Rev. S. Rothrock, Secretary of the Society, to deliver the Missionary sermon on to-morrow.

In a pamphlet which I have seen, purporting to be "A vindication of the Lutheran Synod of Tennessee, in reply to a sermon delivered by the Rev. John Bachman, D. D., on the doctrine and discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," some of the members of our Synod are accused of deviating from the rules and doctrine of the Church. 1st. By a breach of the Constitution in 1819. 2d. By a denial of a ratified Constitution.—3rd. By a deviation from the Lutheran doctrine on the subject of the Lord's supper. Whether any notice should be taken of these charges, I submit to the consideration of Synod.

It is truly gratifying to learn that the Lutheran Observer, a paper in which short essays on the leading doctrines of the Church, and other pieces of a very interesting and important nature, are occasionally inserted, is, almost every day, becoming more extensively circulated by the exertions

of its friends. Amidst all the perplexities of selecting for the taste of a peculiar people, and all the indifference, if not opposition of some, it is cheering to find that the labors of its worthy Editor, the Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz, are appreciated by those capable of forming an enlightened judgment. — Some of our ministers, in different sections of the church, have evinced a noble zeal in its behalf, believing that the general circulation of a good religious paper would materially aid them in their efforts to promote the cause of piety and the interests of the kingdom of Christ. It demands our consideration whether this interesting religious journal ought not to be more generally patronized and read by the members of our church within the bounds of this Synod. No person who can possibly devise a way to pay for a religious newspaper should content himself for a single week without becoming a subscriber. If he is able to provide comfortable food and raiment, it is certain that he can offer no good reason for neglecting to procure some means of instruction for the mind; for the body can certainly have no higher, no more important claims to be met, than the mind.

I have nothing more of importance in addition to the above to communicate, having received very limited information by letters from the brethren of the work of the Lord in their congregations in the course of the past year. It is impossible for the presiding officer of a Synod to give an extensive narrative of ecclesiastical affairs within its supervision, unless the brethren correspond regularly and freely with him. We know not why some of them never write. We are certain that it is not because they have nothing to communicate; but their reasons are best known to themselves, and it is not likely that they will tell them, whatever others may suspect them to be. Were brethren more particular in attending to this matter, we might probably give, without much trouble, and they might expect more detailed and interesting accounts of the dealings of God, from year to year, with our beloved Zion.

Finally, dear brethren, may that gracious promise of our divine Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the great Head and Bishop of his Church, be fulfilled: "The Lord shall guide thee continually;" (Isaiah lxviii, 11.) that the deliberations and efforts in which we may be engaged at our present meeting and henceforth, may redound abundantly, through the blessing of his Holy Spirit, to the advancement of his kingdom, by bringing the wandering and the lost under the saving influence of the Gospel, arresting the tide of iniquity, aiding every benevolent design, and promoting the spirituality of christians and the conversion of sinners. Glory be to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will to men. Amen.

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